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Overview

There were 112 accidents that occurred in December 2009. This is a 67.2% increase from last month's 67 accidents. This was due to the winter storms throughout the Command. There was only one fatal crash, resulting in one passenger being killed. There was one accident involving an impaired driver. This is one less than in November 2009. Of the 112 accidents, 17, or 15.2%, involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in thirteen, or 76.7%, of these accidents. Nine of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for December 2009 decreased by 747 citations as compared to November 2009, with 1,832 total violations issued. This is a decrease of 29% compared to November 2009 total of 2,579 citations issued. Speed violations decreased by 459 citations, or 33.6%, from the prior month. Hazardous moving violations increased by 23 citations, or 20.5%, from the prior month. Occupant restraint violations decreased by 110 citations, or 42.6%, compared to November 2009. There were 31 arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash during December. This is seven less compared to November 2009 but is an increase of three, or 10.7%, over December 2008.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by a grand 42.3% or 243 more inspections as compared to November 2009. This was due to the 72 hour checkpoint operation in Las Vegas. Enforcement activity increased by 26.3% compared to November 2009. There were 213 more safety violations written in December than in November 2009. There was a 41% increase, or 43 more citations, in cited safety violations from November 2009. There were 36 vehicles and 26 drivers placed, "out of service" in December 2009. Vehicles placed out of service remained the same as compared to October 2009. Drivers placed out of service increased by 23.8%, or five, compared to November 2009. Traffic personnel conducted 216 inspections during December. This is a decrease of 32.3%, or 103 less inspections than in November 2009.

Front office personnel showed an increase of 60.6% from November's accident reports processed. Arrest reports processed decreased 36.5%, or 38, compared to November 2009. Incident reports processed increased by nine, or 112.5%, compared to November 2009. The Communications Center radio transmissions decreased slightly by 2.1%, compared to November 2009. CAD incidents also decreased by 10.5%, but telephone calls increased by 24.9% from the prior month.

During the last half of Calendar Year 2009, Central Command personnel, along with all State employees, were required to take on furlough day per month. This lost time, totaling 4520 hours, had an impact on enforcement and support services in the Command.

Despite the lost time for each employee, all work very diligently and as efficiently as possible to meet the demands placed upon the Command and the Division during 2009. Their efforts are to be commended.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	December-09		Same period prior year	% Change		Prior Month	% Change
Total Crashes	112		118	-5.1%		67	67.2%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	88		88	0.0%		53	66.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	23		27	-14.8%		13	76.9%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1		3	-66.7%		1	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	1		2	-50.0%		3	-66.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1		3	-66.7%		1	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	17		11	54.5%		10	70.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	12		8	50.0%		9	33.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5		3	66.7%		1	400.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.9%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 0.9%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 15.2%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Accidents were up 45 from November for a 67.2% increase. There were six fewer crashes than the previous year for a 5.1% decrease.
- There was one DUI crash for December. This reflects a 66.7% decrease from the previous month and a 50% decrease from the previous year.
- There was one fatal crash in December that involved a passenger motor vehicle. This is the same as the previous month and two less than the previous year.

There were 17 accidents involving commercial motor vehicles during December. This is an increase of seven accidents or 70% from the previous month and six more, or 54.5% than the previous year. The 17 accidents accounted for 15.2% of the total accidents in the Command. Of the 17 accidents, 13 were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There were three accidents involving a commercial vehicle in which the passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. The remaining commercial vehicle accident was caused by debris in the roadway. Nine of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80. The remaining eight occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	December-09		Same period prior year	% Change		Prior Month	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	1		2	-50.0%		3	-66.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	31		28	10.7%		38	-18.4%
Other Arrests	96		125	-23.2%		190	-49.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	52		66	-21.2%		85	-38.8%
Speed violations	907		1032	-12.1%		1366	-33.6%
Hazardous moving violations	135		165	-18.2%		112	20.5%
Occupant restraint violations *	148		176	-15.9%		258	-42.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	1832		2419	-24.3%		2579	-29.0%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	35		12	191.7%		154	-77.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	27		61	-55.7%		52	-48.1%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	818		731	11.9%		575	42.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	148		156	-5.1%		105	41.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1022		916	11.6%		809	26.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	36		40	-10.0%		36	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	26		29	-10.3%		21	23.8%
Total school buses inspected	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	2131		1066	99.9%		481	343.0%
Total overweight citations	9		8	12.5%		1	800.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	767		583	31.6%		531	44.4%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations decreased by 747 citations, or 29% compared to November 2009.
- Speed enforcement was down from November 2009 by 459 violations for a 33.6% decrease. Hazardous moving violations decreased by 23 or 20.5% compared to November 2009. Occupant restraint violations also increased by 110, or 42.6%, from the previous month and 28, or 15.9% from the previous year.
- There were 31 DUI arrests made prior to any crash occurring. This is seven less than the prior month. This is a 10.7% increase, or three more arrests, than the previous year. The average reported BAC for impaired drivers for November was .147.

- Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 243 safety inspections, or 42.3% compared to November 2009. Inspections increased by 87, or 11.9%, compared to the previous year. Total violations were up by 213, or 26.3%, compared to November and by 106 inspections, or 11.6%, compared to the previous year. There was a 41% decrease, or 43 violations, in cited safety violations compared to November 2009. There were 26 drivers and 36 vehicles placed out of service. Drivers placed out of service increased by five, or 23.8%, compared to November. Vehicles placed out of service remained the same as compared to November. There was a huge increase of 1,650 or 343%, in the number of trucks weighed compared to November. Trucks weighed increased by 1,065, or 99.9%, compared to December 2008. During December, Central Command Commercial troopers produced 62 hazardous moving citations, traffic citations or traffic related arrests in addition to their commercial inspections.
- Of the 2,131 trucks weighed during December by Commercial enforcement personnel, 58 were weighed on secondary roadways during 178.75 hours of team oriented, directed enforcement. This is an average of one truck being weighed every three hours.
- MCSAP AA II Suzana Ayala certified 336 commercial vehicle inspections and entered 263 hand written commercial vehicle inspections during December.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
December-09	216	62	131	5	7	153	20
December-08	319	93	276	16	7	265	0
% Change	-32.3%	-33.3%	-52.5%	-68.8%	0.0%	-42.3%	0.0%

December-09	216	62	131	5	7	153	20
November-09	248	82	210	17	8	207	0
% Change	-12.9%	-24.4%	-37.6%	-70.6%	-12.5%	-26.1%	0.0%

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 216 level 2/3 inspections during December. This was a decrease of 32.3% compared to November 2009. There was a decrease of 52.5% in repair orders compared to last month. Sixty-two citations were issued for safety violations. This is a 24.4% decrease from last month's 82 citations issued. There were 131 repair orders issued during the inspections with seven vehicles and five drivers being placed out of service. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by one, or 12.5%, compared to November 2009. Drivers placed out of service decreased by 12, or 70.6%, compared to November 2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	December-09		December-08	% Change		November-09	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	59878		65531	-8.6%		61193	-2.1%
CAD incidents	5176		8663	-40.3%		5785	-10.5%
Telephone Calls	8077		8504	-5.0%		6469	24.9%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	106		104	1.9%		66	60.6%
Arrest Reports Processed	66		95	-30.5%		104	-36.5%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	17		8	112.5%		8	112.5%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	237		297	-20.2%		242	-2.1%
Warrants Entered	239		253	-5.5%		246	-2.8%
Warrants Cleared	551		88	526.1%		223	147.1%
Warrants Validated	3919		361	985.6%		1942	101.8%
Extradition / Transports	7		3	133.3%		4	75.0%

Contract Service overtime was 65.25 hours with four escorts totaling \$4,750.22 during December 2009.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Contract services revenue was down in December compared to November by \$2,015.07.
- Communications Center radio transmissions experienced a 2.1% decrease from the previous month and an 8.6% decrease from the previous year.
- Front office personnel processed 60.6% more accident reports than the previous month. The number of processed arrest reports decreased by 36.5% compared to last month. Incident reports increased 112.5% compared to the previous month.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work experienced decreases in warrants received and warrants entered. Warrants cleared, warrants validated and extraditions/transports showed increases compared to November. There were increases in every category except for warrants received and warrants entered when compared to the prior year.

PERSONNEL

Thirty-three traffic troopers and commercial troopers along with two commercial motor vehicle safety inspectors from Central Command traveled to Las Vegas to assist Southern Command with the 2009 New Years Eve operation. The operation was a success and no major incidents occurred. This was due largely in part to the dedication and professionalism of Central Command personnel.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

During the month of December, Trooper Stewart spent the majority of his time preparing for and participating in the Elko Shop with a Cop.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Central Command Aircraft flew 11 hours, completing eight missions during December. There was one speed enforcement mission flown for December.

Below is a table of activity that occurred during the speed enforcement mission that was flown for December 2009.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	6
Hazardous	4
Non-Hazardous	0
Seat belt	0
Arrests	0

Two motorists were assisted during the speed enforcement mission.

Two prisoner transports were made for 4.1 flight hours. There were four personnel transports made for 3.3 hours of flight time and one training mission was flown for a total of 1.4 hours.

All of the Central Command airplane's flight time and activity were down considerably compared to the prior month and year. The pilot claimed the reductions occurred because of training, leave usage and inclement weather.